

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of Dr. Patrick O'Meara.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the life and  
2       accomplishments of Dr. Patrick O'Meara.

3       *Whereas, Patrick O'Meara, Ph.D., has had a profound,*  
4       *worldwide impact as an educator and ambassador of higher*  
5       *education for over four decades and is considered a renowned*  
6       *scholar of international development, comparative politics, and*  
7       *African politics;*

8       *Whereas, Dr. O'Meara's international expertise began with*  
9       *his early days in South Africa where he was born and received*  
10      *a degree from the University of Capetown in political science,*  
11      *with a specialty in African politics;*

12      *Whereas, Dr. O'Meara then furthered his expertise with a*  
13      *degree from Indiana University before going on to serve at the*  
14      *university starting in 1960, in positions including the faculty of*  
15      *the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, as Director of*  
16      *the African Studies Program, as Dean of International*  
17      *Programs, and as the first Vice President for International*  
18      *Affairs;*

19      *Whereas, Throughout his tenure at Indiana University, Dr.*



*O'Meara led the effort to create the university's first international strategic plan, one of the first such plans in the nation, and Dr. O'Meara contributed significantly to a study undertaken by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as well, which ranked Indiana University second nationally in the number of international partnership grants;*

*Whereas, Even since his retirement in 2011, Dr. O'Meara has continued to serve Indiana University as Chairman of the Center for International Education and Development Assistance, as Special Advisor to the President, and he graciously hosts visiting dignitaries at Indiana University;*

*Whereas, For his dedication to international partnerships and higher education, Dr. O'Meara has been recognized across the globe with the Cross of Saint George in Spain, the Warsaw University Medal, the Amicus Poloniae from the Embassy of Poland, an honorary doctorate from the National Institute of Development University in Thailand, and the Gold Medal Cross of Merit of the Republic of Hungary; and*

*Whereas, Dr. O'Meara has also been extensively recognized by Indiana University through the Thomas Hart Benton Medal, the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies, the Distinguished Service Award, and the President's Medal for Excellence: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the life and accomplishments of Dr. Patrick O'Meara.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Dr. Patrick O'Meara, Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie, the Indiana University



- 1 Office of International Services, and the Indiana University Center for
- 2 the Study of Global Change.

